POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
Fall 2013
12:30-1:30 MWF 218 Coates

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of the politics of developing countries. We will use examples from all the major regions of the Third World (Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East) in order to better understand the pervasive nature of the political crisis that has engulfed the developing world.

TEXTBOOK: There is one required text for the course:
Howard Handelman: The Challenge of Third World Development

EXAMS, PAPERS & GRADES: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, a Mid-Term Exam, a comparative research paper/presentation on any two countries in 2 different regions of the Third World and a Final. Your research paper should cover some of the important topics covered in the lectures as they apply to your countries. You will present your findings.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

- Class Participation - daily: 10 pts
- Early Take-Home - Due Sept. 16: 10 pts
- Two (2) NYT multiple choice – Oct. 16/Dec. 02: 10 pts (5 pts each)
- Mid-Term Exam – Oct. 18: 20 pts
- Research Paper – Nov. 20: 20 pts
- Presentation – Nov. 13-25: 5 pts
- Final – Dec. 12 (10-12 noon): 25 pts
- 100 pts

A: 88 – 100; B: 78 – 87.9; C: 68 – 77.9; D: 60 – 67.9; F: below 60

STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend all class sessions and keep up with reading assignments as well as on-going events in the Third World. All tests and paper assignments must be completed on a timely basis.
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<td>Aug. 26 - Sept. 04:</td>
<td><strong>Introduction</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Context of Third World Reality&lt;br&gt;- Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries</td>
<td>(Handelman: Preface, chapter 1)</td>
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<td>Sept. 06 - 13:</td>
<td><strong>Theory in the Study of Developing Countries</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Modernization Theory&lt;br&gt;- Revisionist Theory&lt;br&gt;- Marxist and Dependency Theory</td>
<td>(Handelman: chapter 1)</td>
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<td>Sept. 16 - 23:</td>
<td><strong>History of the Third World</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Pre-colonial – Colonial – Decolonization – Independence</td>
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<td>Sept. 25 - 27:</td>
<td><strong>Leadership and Ideology</strong>&lt;br&gt;- From Charisma to Tangible Result</td>
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<td>Sept. 30 - Oct. 04:</td>
<td><strong>Institutions in Third World Politics</strong>&lt;br&gt;- The State Institutions&lt;br&gt;- The Other Institutions</td>
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<td>Oct. 07 - 14:</td>
<td><strong>Democracy in the Third World</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Handelman’s Analysis&lt;br&gt;- Diamond’s Political Culture across Regions&lt;br&gt;- Middle East Explosion?</td>
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<td>Oct. 16:</td>
<td><strong>NYT Multiple Choice Test</strong></td>
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<td>Oct. 18:</td>
<td><strong>Mid-Term Exam (Essays and Definitions)</strong></td>
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<td>Oct. 21 - 30:</td>
<td><strong>Constraints to Development</strong>&lt;br&gt;- The Economy (Handelman: chapter 9)&lt;br&gt;- Classes, Clientelism &amp; Corruption (Handelman: chapter 6)&lt;br&gt;- Education and Social Change&lt;br&gt;- Ethnicity, Race and Caste (Handelman: chapter 4)&lt;br&gt;- Women (Handelman: chapter 5)</td>
<td>(Handelman: chapters 4, 5, 6 and 9)</td>
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<td>Nov. 01 - 11:</td>
<td><strong>Intervening Forces in Politics</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Military Rule (Handelman: chapter 8)&lt;br&gt;- Insurgency and Revolution (Handelman: chapter 7)&lt;br&gt;- Religion (Handelman: chapter 3)</td>
<td>(Handelman: chapters 3, 7 and 8)</td>
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Nov. 13-25: Presentation of Research Papers

Dec. 02/04: NYT Multiple Choice Test/ Give out Pre-Final Grades

Dec. 12: Final Exam 10:00 - 12:00 noon (Thursday)